

## BLIGHTED HER LIFE.

False Accusation Against Mary Smith Led to Seclusion in China.

## WENT WITH THE CONGERS.

Pathetic Story of Supposed Massacre Victim, Who Tried Hard to Forget the Wrongs That Had Been Done by the Cruel Tongue of Gossip, Sister-in-law of Governor General Wood, of Cuba.

No matter how painfully death may have come to Mary Condit Smith, the pretty Washington girl who, it is now almost certain, was murdered by Boxers, it was sweet to this living death she was suffering, says the New York World. The Chinese have visited dreadful tortures upon her, yet death to her in any form was a relief, for Mary Condit Smith was a martyr to Washington scandal mongers and was literally driven to her death by malicious gossip.

Mary Condit Smith died in trying to live down and forget that she had been accused of theft. No more innocent, no purer girl ever lived than she, yet she was not proof against scandal and gossip, and, horror-stricken, ashamed, cowed, she sought to forget by traveling from one end of the earth to the other.

It was in Pittsburgh that the seed of scandal that led to Miss Condit Smith's murder was planted. From Washington she was known as "Polly" Smith. There she was loved. Women cared for her because she was sincere and sensible; men were fond of her because she was pretty and always agreeable. She was a laughing, light-hearted girl, welcomed everywhere.

From every side came invitations for "Polly" Smith. She was sought at the white house, at official entertainments, at private houses. In fact, it may be said that no girl in Washington society had more invitations or was more popular than Miss "Polly."

## That Fated House Party.

When the invitation came for her to attend a house party given by her wealthy friends the Moorheads at 922 Ridge avenue, Allegheny City, last fall, she accepted. Washington was gay enough at the time, but particular friends of hers were giving the house party, and she hated to disappoint them.

It was a gay house party they had in Pittsburgh. "Polly" Smith was the gayest of all, and when the time came for everybody to go home, she was the best-liked of all the guests. No one denied that she had been the life of the party, and that without her things would have fallen flat.

It was after the house party had broken up that the scandal took root. The hostess had missed jewelry to the value of more than \$2,000. Her guests were all persons of the highest standing and of unimpeachable character. She called in detectives and told them their names.

She at that time suspected no one of having taken her jewels who was numbered among her guests. But the police are not respecters of family pride and family names, so the detectives began to search for the jewels among the guests of the house party.

## Wedding Present to His Bride.

The superintendent of the Pittsburgh detectives, John Glenn, undertook the case, as the stolen jewels had been a wedding present to his bride from Mr. Moorhead, and, aside from their intrinsic value (\$1,500), were more precious to Mrs. Moorhead than any money. The eight servants in the family were, after most careful investigation, relieved of suspicion. Many other detectives were employed, and it was through a New York jeweler, to whom some unset diamonds were sent for resetting, that the first clue to the lost gems was received. Whoever stole the Moorhead diamonds had pried the jewels out of their setting and then endeavored to have them set in a new fashion so that they could never be recognized. Money, then, was not the motive of the robbery.

This gave to the Washington detectives the first clue to the Moorheads' guests. Mr. and Mrs. Moorhead could not be made to believe in the guilt of any of them, but a Washington detective, following descriptions and circumstantial evidence, finally convinced the Moorheads that the thief actually was Miss Condit Smith, the accomplished and lovely girl whose talent and popularity made her welcome everywhere and who had repeatedly enjoyed the honor of receiving side by side with Mrs. McKinley in the white house. Of course, the Moorheads refused to make the Washington detective's story public, but, equally, of course, it leaked out in that exclusive set in which the young girl moved.

The story went from mouth to mouth, from house to house. "Pretty" "Polly" Smith was suspected. In fact it is said that some malicious person even went so far as to accuse the girl.

## Crushed by the Scandal.

Then there came a change over "Polly" Smith. She was no longer the light-hearted girl. She had heard the scandal. She was helpless. She was innocent, but the blow aimed at her had crushed her. Invitations came in fewer numbers and those that did come were not accepted. The girl grew paler and paler. She was seldom seen outside her own home. Her cheeks became sunken; her eyes so bright and laughing formerly, were red from constant weeping; she never smiled and her sensitive nature made her imagine that the whole world suspected her of a crime of which she was innocent.

Mrs. Smith's brother-in-law is Governor General Wood, of Cuba. It was thought that a change of scene and climate would help the girl forget the cruel gossip that had so sorely wounded her. So Miss Smith was sent to Cuba to live with her sister, Mrs. Wood. Cuban climate and the change of scenes did not have the beneficial effect expected.

## Pointed Out as a Thief.

The girl tried bravely to overcome the constant fear that she was every-

where pointed at as a thief. She tried to meet people as she had done before, but it was no use. She became so weakened in health and spirits that the every effort was beyond her strength.

So she settled down to a life of misery, literally eating her own heart. It was seen by the Woods that the girl would eventually die unless some plan could be devised to take her mind from the great wrong that had been done for.

Nearly a year passed before the mystery was partially cleared up by finding the settings of the diamonds in a Pennsylvania avenue shop in Washington, where they had been taken undoubtedly by the real thief. No one knows to this day exactly how, when or by whom the jewels were purloined. The discovery of them came too late. An irreparable injury had been done to the young girl, without the slightest fault of her host, hostess or the detectives.

So Washington accepted the finding of the jewels in a disinterested sort of way. Washington had almost forgotten the accusation made against "Polly" Smith by this time in the freshness of other gossip, on which Washington feeds, but "Polly" Smith had not forgotten.

## Could Not Forget.

She came home from Cuba immediately after the jewels had been found, and no doubt could have taken her own place in society had she been able to forget, but she was not of the forgetting kind. She continued unhappy, never speaking unless she was spoken to, growing thinner and less like her former self every day. Society had all but killed her by its love of gossip.

It was when her family had almost despaired of ever making her well and happy again that the trip to China was proposed. The Congers were close to the Condit Smiths. They loved the "Polly" Smith they had known of old. The girl left for China with the expressed purpose of staying there always. In China she could at least be among people who would not gossip. What if they were heathen? What if they did kill her, as they perhaps have done? They would at least make her misery short lived.

So "Polly" Smith went to China. She was a pitiful-looking little thing when she left Washington, the only home she had ever known, where she had done so much to make happy the lives of others.

It is said that it was Miss Smith's purpose to eventually be a missionary in China. She could never return to Washington. It was urged upon her that Washington had already forgotten the accusation made against her and was only too ready to right the wrong. The wrong, however, was too great to her thinking to ever be righted and she chose to go from her home forever.

How "Polly" Smith met death has not been made known as yet, but no matter how she died, death was sweet to her. There may be those in Washington to-day who suffer a pang for the girl whom they sent to her death. None can deny that the calumny they helped to give breath and life to made her a martyr.

## FINANCE AND TRADE.

## The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—Money closed on call easy at 1 1/4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4 8 1/2 for demand and at \$4 8 1/2 for 60 days; posted rates \$4 8 1/2 @ \$4 8 1/2 and \$4 8 1/2; commercial bills \$4 8 1/2 @ \$4 8 1/2. Bar silver 60 1/2. Mexican dollars 43 1/2. Government bonds weak. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular.

Except for the dealings in a handful of stocks the list of stock exchange securities was a stagnant inert mass to-day. Many usually active stocks dropped out of the dealings entirely and transactions in other prominent stocks fell to insignificant proportions. Sugar, Union Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio and Brooklyn Transit made the market and all the rest of the dealings might have been dropped out of public notice for any significance they had on current conditions. There is not much expectation that conditions will change in the stock market for some time to come. The world of capital awaits the solution of the problem in China and the resulting requirements on the world's money markets; the ultimate fate of the crops in the United States, the settlement of the basis on which future business in the iron and steel industry is to be done, and the settling down of political conditions. The future of the money market is especially confusing and complex, and expert opinions differ widely as to the course to be expected. The imminence of European war loans prompts one set of prophets to argue a drain and resulting stringency, while another school urges that the creation of credits and their prompt outlay will be a relief rather than a detriment to the business and financial world. The expected drain of gold from the United States is halting and it is not expected now that gold will go out this week. Sterling exchange and London discounts failed to advance to-day and London exchange in Paris jumped a full centime. The bank of England also reduced its price for American eagles 1/2. Whether this policy indicates a confidence on the part of the English institutions that it will secure gold ultimately without offering special inducements remains to be seen. The benefit which the money market has had from the government deficit for July cannot be expected to continue in August. Even for July the \$4,000,000 deficit was only about half that for July of last year. The redemption of the old 2 per cent. interest on which ceases on August 18, will be a feature of the month, but of the \$19,000,000 of these outstanding, over \$13,000,000 are on deposit in Washington to secure circulation and government deposits. In order to avoid a contraction in circulation and withdrawal of deposits in the banks, these bonds must therefore be replaced by other government bonds for deposit. The net result to the money market will therefore be small. The generally firm undertone of the stock market to-day was in sympathy with strength in special stocks. Yesterday's dividend action in Union Pacific and the expectation of a dividend declaration to-morrow on Baltimore & Ohio

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helped those stocks. The early bears

in Sugar became sceptical of the alleged renewal of the trade war and covered their sales.

The Republic Steel stocks and Steel Hope declined on stories of pending labor troubles, but the other steel stocks were rather firm. Other stocks played unimportant parts in the trading.

The bond market continued dull and irregular. Total sales par value \$657,000.

United States refunding 2s when issued declined 1/2 per cent and the old 4s and 5s 1/4 per cent on the last call.

## U. S. Bonds.

U. S. new 4s reg. 125 1/2

U. S. new 4s 1/2 reg. 125 1/2

U. S. old 4s 1/2 reg. 115 1/2

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seaboard reported 55 loads taken for export. Seaboard clearances were equal to 115,000 bushels.

Corn was weak, deliveries on August contract were heavy, with the cash demand was slack, which, with excellent crop prospects, brought more corn on the market than it could stand up under. The demand for September was very light and not until wheat developed strength late in the day did corn show any rallying tendency. Local receipts were 239 cars; September ranged from 35 1/2 @ 35 3/4 to 37 1/2 @ 37 3/4, and closed 36 1/2 @ 36 3/4.

Oats were dull and rather heavy most of the session. Selling was quite general at times with corn and the increasing country movement made speculators favor the selling side. Crop reports were favorable. Elevator people were prominent sellers. Local sellers were 252 cars. September ranged from 21 1/2 @ 21 3/4, and closed 21 3/4 @ 21 1/2.

Provisions were again firm, though not especially active. The influence of small stocks and a higher price market started all meats at a good advance. Not all of this was held, realizing causing prices to decline somewhat, but closing quotations were in all cases a little above yesterday. The cash demand was good. September pork closed 56 1/2 @ 56 3/4; September lard 74 1/2 @ 74 3/4; September ribs a shade higher at 12 1/2 @ 12 3/4.

Estimated receipts for Thursday:

Wheat, 295 cars; corn, 335 cars; oats, 365 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles. Open. High. Low. Close.

Wheat, No. 2. 71 74 73 74

Aug. 71 74 73 74

Sept. 71 74 73 74

Oct. 71 74 73 74

Corn, No. 2. 35 1/2 35 3/4 35 1/2 35 3/4

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Lard. 74 1/2 74 3/4 74 1/2 74 3/4

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Short ribs. 12 1/2 12 3/4 12 1/2 12 3/4

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Cash quotations were as follows:

Flour—No. 3, 69 @ 73; No. 2 red 76 @ 78 1/2.

Wheat—No. 3, 69 @ 73; No. 2 red 76 @ 78 1/2.

Corn—No. 2, 35 1/2 @ 35 3/4; No. 2 yellow 36.

Oats—No. 2, 21 1/2 @ 21 3/4; No. 2 white 22 1/4 @ 22 3/4.

Rye—No. 2, 60 @ 61.

Barley—Good feeding, 35 @ 37 1/2.

Malting—Fair to choice, 42 @ 45.

Flaxseed—No. 1, \$1.50.

Timothyseed—Prime, \$3.15.

Mess Pork—Per barrel \$12 02 1/2 @ 12 05.

Lard—Per 100 lbs. \$8 75 @ 8 80.

Short Ribs—Sides (loose) 37 05 @ 37 30.

Dry salted shoulders (boxed) 15 00 @ 15 05.

Short clear sides (boxed) 15 00 @ 15 05.

Whisky—Basis of high wines, \$1.23 1/2.

Sugars—Cutoff 6.85; granulated, 6.35; confectioners' A, 6.22; cut A, 6.13.

Clover—Contract grade,